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EVENTS OF THE DAY

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News of the World.

TERSE TICKETS FROM THE WIRES

An Interesting Collection of Items From
the Two Hemispheres Presented
in a Condensed Form.

The graves of the Maine victims at Havana were decorated with flowers on the 15th, the anniversary of the explosion.

A British syndicate has obtained a concession from China to build a railroad from Hankau to Canton, along the coast.

Col. Miller, who captured Ilo Ilo without the loss of a man in his command, has been promoted to be brigadier-general by the president.

The Cunard liner *Etna* and the cruiser *Marblehead* narrowly averted a collision during a blinding sleet and snow storm about 70 miles off Sandy Hook Monday morning.

Representative Stallings, of Alabama, has introduced in the house a bill to authorize the president to appoint General Wheeler a major-general in the regular army.

Terrific weather is prevailing on the coast of Jamaica. The winds are high and the sea is encroaching on the land. Counting vessels have been wrecked, and several hundred acres of bananas swept away.

Naval ordnance officers in Washington are elated over the remarkable results secured with the new smokeless navy powder for large caliber guns in a test at the Indian Head proving grounds on the Potomac.

State Entomologist Scott, of Georgia, says the peach crop has been utterly destroyed, and in all probability the growers will be so discouraged that they will abandon the business. Last year's crop was valued at \$1,000,000.

Ex-Consul Duckert, of Belgium, has been commissioned to make a tour of China in the interests of Belgian manufacturers at a salary of \$29,000 a year. The idea of the tour emanated from King Leopold, who will contribute \$3,000 to the salary.

It is expected that General Otis will shortly begin an aggressive campaign in the Philippines, as the recent battles have not subdued the insurgents, as was expected. The rainy season will soon set in, when military operations can not be well carried on, and a decisive blow must be given before that time.

The torpedo-boat *Fox*, built by the Wolff & Zwickler iron works, at Portland, Or., is the first torpedo-boat in the world to come up to the requirements specified in the contract upon her first official trial. For two consecutive hours in her first trial she maintained an average speed of 23 1/2 knots, her engines turning at a rate of 831.4 revolutions per minute, which exceeds the requirements by 11.4 turns.

President Zelaya has issued a decree declaring the republic of Nicaragua to be in a state of siege. A battle is expected to take place at any time west of the Cordilleras. The president is sending troops to the front as rapidly as he can collect. The United States gunboat *Marblehead*, which arrived at Greytown February 5, has sailed for Bluefields, the headquarters of the revolution headed by General Reyes.

One man was killed and five seriously injured in a powder explosion at Mossgrove, Pa.

Four Chinese have died from injuries sustained in the San Francisco Chinatown fire Sunday.

Silas Jones and six children were burned to death on the Richardson and May plantation, at Cornerstone, Ark.

H. M. S. Leander has been ordered to proceed with all speed to Bolivia to protect the property and lives of British residents during the revolution.

Fire in Cincinnati destroyed the clothing houses of Kahn & Feltmeyer, H. A. Heinsheimer and Sanford, Stern & Sarner. The loss is nearly \$500,000.

There is a rumor in Paris that negotiations are taking place between the Panama canal company and the Washington government, looking to the completion of the canal.

Thirty-five persons have died of smallpox in the Creek nation within a few weeks. The victims were negroes and Indians. All of Western Oklahoma has been quarantined against the infected district.

The buildings of the Greer Machinery Company and the Whitte Trunk Company, at Knoxville, Tenn., with their contents, were destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at between \$75,000 and \$100,000.

In the United States senate Tuesday the McHenry resolution, declaring that the ratification of the peace treaty is not a declaration on the part of the United States to permanently hold the Philippine islands, was passed by a vote of 26 to 22.

A barge loaded with a large quantity of cordwood, consigned to a Portland dealer was lost during the recent freshet in the east fork of the Lewis river.

A carload of green onyx marble, the first shipment of dimension stone from the quarries of the United States Marble Company, near Valley, in Stevens county, Wash., was on the track in Spokane recently for a few hours, on route to Chicago.

OF RECENT OCCURRENCE.

Chaplain John R. Thompson, of the First Washington infantry at Manila, died Monday.

The war department has issued an order mustering out of service all the volunteers now in the United States.

Ethan Allen Hitchcock, of Missouri, has taken the prescribed oath and entered upon his duties as secretary of the interior.

The house committee on appropriations has ordered a favorable report on the bill to pay Spain \$20,000,000 for the Philippines.

Agonillo, the Filipino delegate, arrived in New York Monday from Montreal. Agonillo expects to sail for England in a few days.

The senate committee has reported favorably an amendment to the sundry civil bill providing for the laying of a cable from the United States to Hawaii and the Philippines.

Many French newspapers are bitterly assailing M. Loubet, the new president, but the better class support him, and confidence in the stability of the new government is increasing.

Samuel H. Stevenson, D. D., one of the oldest Presbyterian ministers in the United States, is dead in Bloomington, Ill., at the age of 86. He was a near relative of former Vice-President Stevenson.

A fire in the little city of Port Washington, Wis., destroyed \$300,000 worth of property, and rendered 80 families homeless. A chair factory covering two blocks was destroyed, throwing 600 men out of work.

The revolution in Nicaragua is spreading. General Mena, at the head of 700 insurgents, is near the town of Rama. The insurgents are well armed with small guns and are expecting Gatling, Krupp and Hotchkiss cannon.

Michael Milano, the prosperous proprietor of a bootblack establishment in Tacoma, committed suicide by firing two shots from a revolver into his brain. Fifty-two dollars was found on the body. Family trouble was the cause of the act.

A new town has been laid out in Alaska, 25 miles from Juneau, which it is expected will be the gateway to the Alaskan goldfields. It has been named Taku, and is situated on Taku bay, four miles from the mouth of the inlet of that name.

The Italian bark *Barbara Luigi* went ashore February 4 on Little Bahama bank and is a total loss. Three of the crew were drowned and two perished from exposure. The captain and eight of the crew have arrived at Nassau, N. P., and report the loss.

Mrs. Howe, of Gresham, Or., was drowned in the *Williamette* at Portland Monday. She was passing from one steamer to another, as the boats were lying at the dock, when she fell between them. An attempt to rescue her failed. She was on her way to visit a son at Salem.

The first session of the eighth continental congress of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution began in Washington Monday. Mrs. Daniel Manning, president-general of the society, made her annual address. She dwelt especially on the aid given by the society during the recent war, asserting that the organization had furnished \$800,000 in money and supplies.

The Columbia river fish cannery combine will close half of the canneries the coming season.

The Cunard steamer *Pavonia*, which sailed from Queenstown for Boston on January 26, and which was sighted on February 5, in a disabled condition, has arrived in tow at the Azores.

M. Loubet was elected president of France on the 21st. The assembly cast 812 votes, of which Loubet received 483 to 379 cast for M. Melles, and 50 scattering.

A battle has occurred at Talien-Wan between Russian soldiers and Chinese, in which 300 of the latter were slain. The trouble is said to have originated over the question of taxes.

Grading has begun on the Snake River valley railroad, between Union flat and the head of the south fork of the Penewawa creek. A large force of men and teams is working on the big cut between those two points.

A dispatch from Cape Charles, Va., says 50 oyster sloops and schooners have been carried out to sea by drifting ice from Magdalen bay. It is believed many are manned, and the crews may suffer from exposure and hunger. Tugs will be sent to overhaul the vessels.

Oregon Legislature Adjourns Sine Die. Although the hour set for the final adjournment of the Oregon legislature was 12 o'clock noon Saturday, the session was prolonged till 7 o'clock.

Aside from the formalities of finishing up necessary matters in land, the passage of the special appropriation bill was the feature of the day.

The house refused to concur in some of the senate's reductions of items in the bill, and it was necessary to appoint conference committees before agreement could be reached. This prolonged the session till 7 o'clock in the evening, when the session was declared ended.

A deposit of earth strombolian has been found on Pat-in-Bay island in Lake Erie. It is many acres in extent. The nitrate of strombolian is of pure white color.

The Hamburg-American line steamer *Adria* arrived at New York Sunday from Hamburg after a most tempestuous passage. During the night of January 30, Captain Levezow, while trying to go from the bridge to the cabin, was thrown down into the cabin passageway and killed.

LEGISLATURE ENDS.

Much Work Crowded in the Closing
Hours of the Session—The Last
Working Day.

The last working day of the Oregon legislature was full of business, mostly devoted to the routine of passing bills. The general appropriation bill was passed by both houses.

In the senate the bill to provide for executions of murderers at the penitentiary was indefinitely postponed, because it carried objectionable matter relating to appeals.

Three bills touching military affairs were passed, as follows: To cover into the military fund all moneys received from the United States on account of transportation, etc.; to amend the law military fund some \$8,000 expended in suppressing fishermen's riots in 1896; to reorganize the official staff of the Oregon National Guard.

The following bills were passed: To regulate license fee insurance companies; to protect the fruit and hop industry by requiring the destruction of pests; to cure certain defects in judicial sales and deeds; to prevent the maintenance of armed bodies of men other than the duly constituted authorities; to amend the charter of Newberg; to provide for criminal prosecutions on information; to protect trout and certain other food fishes; to relieve the state of the necessity of advancing the costs of giving a bond in a proceeding to which the state is a party; to amend the law relating to irrigation rights and ditches; to amend the law relative to liens against mines for labor or supplies; to amend the charter of Arlington; to fix the annual salary of the supreme court clerk at \$3,000, with one deputy in Salem at \$75 per month and one at Pendleton at \$50, and providing that the fees be paid into the state treasury; to fix the salaries of Columbia county officers; to regulate the manner of surgeons fishing and making a close season on the Columbia river from March 1 to November 1; to provide for inspecting sheep brought in bands into Oregon from another state (same as the Washington law); to amend the law relative to the duties of public road viewers; to fix the annual salary of the Linn county assessor at \$2,400, including the pay of deputies; to regulate the practice of the vocation of barbers; to provide for the appropriation of water to be used for mining purposes.

In the House.

In the house a long discussion occurred on the bill to adopt the Torrens system of land title. The bill, when put upon its passage, was defeated.

Bills passed were: To authorize construction of skids across county roads for logging purposes; to provide for submission to the vote of the people the proposed constitutional amendments; to authorize the sale of agricultural school lands on the market for 25 years at less than the price fixed by statute; to provide for payment of taxes in coin, instead of county warrants; to provide for the manner of securing the release as surety upon county clerks in probate cases; to make the law prohibiting the fraudulent use of labels or trademarks more effective; to fix the salaries of county clerk, sheriff and recorder in Washington county; to amend the code so as to give parties the right to give notice of appeal without assignment of error; to authorize the printing of 800 copies of supreme court reports at \$2.50 per copy; to prohibit the running of push cars upon railroad tracks; to create a state board of equalization, consisting of the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer; to authorize the working of county prisoners on county roads; to fix the salaries of county treasurers, after amendment increasing the salary of the treasurer of Lane county from \$500 to \$800, and the salary of the treasurer of Walla Walla county from \$350 to \$550; to amend code relative to attachments making the filing of a writ with the county clerk answer the purpose of posting a notice on property; to amend the code relative to action for adverse possession; to fix the compensation of county commissioners after amending the bill by increasing the per diem in Union county from \$4 to \$5; to reduce the mileage of jurors and witnesses in cities of 50,000 population to over, from 10 to 5 cents; to give preference in the employment in public service to honorably discharged soldiers and sailors; to appropriate \$2,000, in aid of the Oregon Historical Society, and to authorize printing at the state's expense to the same amount; to provide for the payment of certain fees to recorders of conveyances; to constitute six days' publication of a notice a weeks' notice; amending the law relative to the appointment of official stenographers; to abolish the office of recorder of Clatsop county, and require that the duties of that office be performed by the county clerk; to regulate the purchase, sale and transfer of stocks of goods, by requiring the purchaser to exact from the vendor a list of creditors and the extent of liabilities; to prohibit the running at large of stallions.

State Fair Appropriation.

To provide for the reconstruction of the state fair grounds.

To fix the salaries of the sheriff and clerk in Lincoln county.

To create the county of Wheeler.

To regulate the practice of dentistry.

To regulate mutual insurance companies.

To provide for a scalp bounty fund.

To amend the law relating to the duties of the state land agent.

To constitute Willamette and Port and boulevards Multnomah county roads.

To amend the charter of Clatsop county.

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THE NEW LAWS.

Bills That Have Passed During the Session.

Bills passed by both houses previous to the last day were as follows:

To authorize the town of Antelope to borrow \$5,000 to build water works.

To incorporate the city of Pendleton.

To amend charter of town of Adams.

To regulate pilotage on Columbia and Willamette rivers.

To create office of state biologist, without salary.

To reduce salaries of Douglas county officers.

To incorporate Nehalem.

To provide that summaries only of county assessment rolls be transmitted to secretary of state.

To amend charter of Hillsboro.

To amend the charter of Albany.

To incorporate town of Tillamook.

To incorporate the town of Canyon City.

To constitute beach of Clatsop county a public highway.

To amend the charter of Grants Pass.

To authorize Jefferson institute to sell out to the school district.

To amend charter of Oregon City.

To incorporate Port of Tillamook and provide for the improvement of Hoquiam slough.

To incorporate the town of Lakeview.

To incorporate Cottage Grove.

To amend charter of town of Tangent.

To provide clerical aid for judges of the supreme court.

To incorporate Drain.

To incorporate New Astoria, adjoining Fort Stevens.

To amend charter of Monmouth.

To incorporate the city of Ontario.

To incorporate the town of Bay City.

To incorporate the city of Heppner.

To incorporate the city of Warrenton.

To incorporate the city of Willows.

To amend charter of Gold Hill.

To regulate and fix the salary of the assessor of Jackson county.

To incorporate the town of Marshfield.

To amend charter of Woodburn.

To redistrict the state for senators and representatives.

To create the office of tax collector in Multnomah county.

To amend the charter of Corvallis.

To prevent production and sale of unwholesome foods and medicines.

To incorporate the town of Seaside.

To raise the salary of sheriff of Marion county.

To regulate and fix salaries of Tillamook county officers.

To fix salaries of county officers in Clackamas, Morrow, Wasco and Yamhill counties.

To amend the charter of Eugene.

To amend the charter of Astoria.

To incorporate the town of Canby.

To create a separate commission for transaction of county business in Clackamas county.

To amend the charter of Arlington.

AFFAIRS AT MANILA

Oregon Soldiers Sent to the
Fighting Line.

REBELS NOW CONCENTRATING

Cruiser *Buffalo* Bombarbs the Insurgents, Driving Them Inland—Heat Intense and Increasing.

Manila, Feb. 21.—The California volunteers abandoned Guadalupe church at 5 o'clock this morning, which has since been set on fire, and retired to San Pedro Macati. The rebels still hold the country in the vicinity of Guadalupe, Pasig and Paterno, despite the efforts of the gunboats to dislodge them from the jungles on both sides of the river.

The heat is intense, and is increasing perceptibly daily. Under present conditions, it is impossible to provide shade for the troops in different parts of the line, particularly MacArthur's division. King's brigade is also exposed from San Pedro Macati to Culic, where it joins Owenshine's brigade.

In view of the fact that the enemy were concentrating on the American right preparations were made last night to give them a warm reception in the event of attack.

General Owenshine's line, consisting originally of the North Dakota volunteers, the Fourteenth infantry, and two troops of the Fourth cavalry, stretching from the beach at Camp Dewey to General King's right, was reinforced by two battalions of Oregon volunteers and three troops of the Fourth cavalry, as infantry.

The *Buffalo's* searchlight discovering the rebels unusually active about 10 o'clock in the evening, signaled the flagship for permission to fire upon them, and, this being granted, bombarded the enemy's trenches for 20 minutes. The only effect of the fire was apparently to drive the rebels further inland.

Beyond a few ineffectual volleys from the trenches, which were returned with interest, the enemy made no demonstration, and all is quiet along the line.

Scouts claim to have seen General Floe de Pilar, who commanded the rebels at Pasig, with his army in a sling, directing the troops. General Montenegro, the insurgent commander-in-chief, is reported to be personally conducting the movements in front of General King's line at San Pedro Macati.

Guerrilla Tactics.

Manila, Feb. 21.—The enemy have apparently realized the hopelessness of attacking the American position, and are occupied chiefly by occasional sharpshooting from the jungle, whenever feasible. Fortunately, their ignorance of the use of sights minimizes the effect of their guerrilla tactics.

The retirement of General King's advance posts upon San Pedro Macati has evidently been construed by the rebels as a sign of weakness, as they pressed forward along both sides of the river, persistently harassing the occupants of the town.

Last night the rebels poured volley after volley into San Pedro Macati from the brush on the adjacent ridge; but fortunately without effect. General King's headquarters in the center of the town was the target for scores of Remington and Mauser bullets.

The rebels are using smokeless powder, and it is extremely difficult to locate individual marksmen.

RUSSIA AND CHINA.

First Rupture Occurred at Talien-Wan—200 Chinese Killed.

Peking, Feb. 21.—A serious conflict has taken place between the Russians and Chinese at Talien-Wan, 300 of the latter being killed.

The trouble is said to have originated in a question of taxes.

Expected by Lord Beresford.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 21.—Admiral Charles Beresford was seen while passing through Detroit tonight in reference to the battle reported at Talien-Wan between Russians and Chinese.

Lord Charles said that such a battle was only what he had been expecting for some time. Its effect, he believed, would be to shake the Chinese government more than anything that occurred, and he asserted that trade would also suffer as a result of it.

RIOTING IN PARIS.

Organized Demonstrations Against the New President.

Paris, Feb. 21.—Police measures for the maintenance of order have been taken on an extensive scale.

M. Loubet did not quit his residence at the Luxembourg until 6 o'clock this evening.

Toward 7 o'clock demonstrations occurred in front of the office of Zebastian Faure's anarchist paper, the *Journal du Peuple*, on the Boulevard Montmartre, for and against Loubet. There was a collision between rival factions and several persons were injured.

Altogether, 100 arrests have been made in connection with today's disturbances.

Spain Once Owned It.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 21.—The Post-Intelligencer today publishes the facsimile of a Spanish document which shows that the Spanish were in actual military possession of Vancouver island between 1790 and January 1, 1792. It is stated that the document, if it had been in the possession of Emperor William of Germany when he arbitrated the Canadian boundary between England and the United States, would have indisputably proven the right of the United States to Vancouver island.

CANAL PROVIDED FOR.

Senate Committee Adds It to the River and Harbor Bill.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The senate committee on commerce decided today to put the Morgan Nicaragua canal bill on the river and harbor bill. The action of the committee was preceded by a brief argument by Senator Morgan, in which he went over the general grounds favorable to the construction of the canal.

Aside from the Nicaragua canal, the committee increased cash appropriations to the extent of about \$2,000,000 over the house cash appropriations, while the amount of continuing contracts is increased to the extent of about \$10,000,000.

In the senate the only business of importance was the consideration of bills on the pension calendar, which was begun under a special order. Among the bills passed was one providing procedure in certain pension cases. It provides that no pension shall be withheld, modified or cancelled except for fraud, or mistake in facts, and provides a scheme of procedure. The private pension calendar was completed, 74 bills being passed.

In the House.

Washington, Feb. 20.—In the house today several railroad right-of-way bills were passed. Among the bills was one to authorize the construction of the Clearwater Valley road through the Nez Perces reservation.

The census bill was sent to conference. A bill was passed authorizing the president to appoint five additional cadets-at-large to the naval academy. The sundry civil bill was then passed. The naval appropriation bill was formally reported. The house went into committee of the whole and took up the bill. No general debate was demanded on the bill, and its reading for amendment under the five minute rule was immediately commenced.

TAKES NEWS CALMLY.

No Disorders in Paris Followed the Death of Faure.

Paris, Feb. 20.—Everything is quiet in Paris tonight. There is no danger of a coup d'etat. The favorite candidate for the presidency is M. Emile Loubet, now president of the senate. Still the ministers think Faure's death is a misfortune at the present juncture, and this is the conventional talk. They had all looked forward to his resigning, and they spoke today of the possible effect of his death on the courts of Europe.

If M. Loubet be elected, European sovereigns would soon transfer to him their friendly regards. He is a good, unaffected, level-headed man of honest, open life, and of far more intellectual culture than poor Faure. He is an advocate and practiced at the Montlemer bar, in the department of the Drone. Montlemer is his native town.

OVER ENTIRE GROUP.

The American Flag to Cover the Philippine Islands.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The administration has determined to extend rapidly the jurisdiction of the United States over the Philippine group in its entirety, acting on the theory that delay in this crisis is dangerous, and that anarchy and general paralysis of such interests as the islands support would be brought about through failure to replace promptly Spanish sovereignty over the islands with that of the United States.

Low Rates for Home-seekers.

St. Paul, Feb. 20.—The Northern Pacific and Great Northern have decided to sell half-fare home-seekers' tickets February 21, March 1 and 7, on similar rates as to the more southerly lines to the Pacific coast. Heretofore the rates have applied only to near-by states, and it is now intended that they shall apply to the entire length of the roads named.

Gomez Goes to Cardenas.

Havana, Feb. 20.—A dispatch from Cienfuegos says that Major-General John C. Bates, military governor of the department of Santa Clara, and Inspector-General Breckinridge, yesterday paid a visit to General Gomez, who was expecting to leave today for Cardenas.

Estimates Output at \$19,000,000.

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 20.—M. Marks, an Australian expert direct from Dawson, places the output of the Klondike at \$19,000,000 this year. His estimate is as follows: Eldorado and Bonanza creeks, \$6,000,000; Big and Little Bonanza, Gold and French creeks, \$5,000,000; Hunker and Quartz creeks, \$5,000,000.

Steamers to Manila.

Tacoma, Feb. 20.—James Ward, of the shipping firm of Saunders & Ward, has returned from a visit to England, and announces the establishment by himself and others of a steamer line between this port and the Hawaiian islands. The British steamer *Manaua* will be the first vessel out, and will sail next week.

Nearly Frozen to Death.